

INTEREST IN AQUATIC CENTRED ON CHARITY CARNIVAL ON JULY 26

European Y.M.C.A.-Varsity Best Of Three Galas Fixed For The End Of This Month

BY "JIN"

ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE LEADING CLUBS HAD THEIR FIRST SWIMMING GALAS OF THE SEASON, arrangements are being staged for further night fêtes. Principal amongst them is the V.R.C.-European Y.M.C.A. versus the Combined Chinese Clubs which will be held next month on July 26.

The Chinese clubs have taken great interest in this charity swim meet, and Ho Siew-um of the Chinese Bathing Club has been chosen to represent them as their swimming convenor. Final arrangements have been made last Tuesday and very exciting and interesting swimming should be witnessed.

The European Y.M.C.A. pool will be the scene of two good aquatic galas at the end of this month. On Saturday, June 28, the European Y.M.C.A. will entertain the Hongkong University in a friendly tussle. Both these clubs have some fine swimmers and a good standard of swimming will be expected.

Hongkong University will have the services of W. S. Gegg of overseas fame, A. V. Ozorio, Kenneth Lo, Ng Sui-man and Charles Huang. Shanghai long distance title holder, who is rumoured to have joined the University again this term.

For the "Y", David Hutchinson, Colony champion, and their old stalwarts, A. F. May, R. Goldman, B. S. Wilson and N. D. Booker will give stern resistance to the underdogs.

On Monday, June 30, Government will hold an inter-departmental meet in aid of the Bomber Fund. Taking part in the fete will be the Police, P.W.D., Prisons, C.S.O., Harbour Office, Urban Council, Medical, Education and the Revenue Office.

At North Point, Chinese Clubs are busy training for their big meet against combined V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A. and they will be holding a few trials at the beginning of next month. As yet there is no news of any galas.

DRIPPING FROM THE SEA

Sing Tao Swimming Club, although possessing many star swimmers, have no pool of their own. They are dependent on other Chinese Clubs for their swimming practice and there is little hope of their entertaining other clubs in friendly galas.

Tommy Kew, more familiarly known as Wong Chi-hung, of Sing Tao, is one of the best Chinese sprinters. He won the South China A.A. championship in the last few years and is also known to be an adept carsman, having won the Open Rowing harbour race last year for the second time from a big field.

SPORTING FIXTURES

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

LAWN BOWLS—First Division,

Recreo "A" v. Civil Service, Indian R.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Kowloon C.C.

Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Police R.C., Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Recreo "B" Second Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Tukoo R.C. v. Prison O.C. Third Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Craigengower, Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon F.C., Hongkong Electric v. Indian R.C.

WATER-POLO—8th Coastal Regt., R.A. v. 905th Battery, R.A. (Army pool), 12 noon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

WATER-POLO—8th Coastal Regt., R.A. v. Navy "C" (Navy pool), 11 a.m.; 905th Battery, R.A. v. 36th Battery, R.A. (Navy pool), 11.30 a.m.; 6th A.A. Regt., R.A. v. Middlesex "A" ("Y" pool), 11 a.m.; European Y.M.C.A. v. Middlesex "B" ("Y" pool), 11.30 a.m.; Navy "B" v. Royal Scots "A" (Army pool), 11 a.m.; Royal Scots "B" v. Combined S.M.A. Units (Army pool), 11.30 a.m.

CHINESE IN CANADA FORM A.R.P. UNIT

With a view to assisting the local authorities in air defence Chinese residents in Vancouver, Canada, have organised an A.R.P. unit with Mr. Cheng Kun-pel, Chairman of the Chinese Benevolent Association there, as chief, according to word received here from Canada.

The unit, consisting of three sections, namely, Boy Scouts, First Aid and Air Raid Precautions, has been officially sanctioned by the Canadian National Defence Department, and will operate mainly in the Chinese district in the city when emergency comes.—(Central News).

SHANGHAI TRAM FARES INCREASED

The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved an application submitted by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Ltd. for an increase in the company's charges on the basis of maximum fares of 15 cents and 10 cents per mile for 1st and 3rd Class accommodation respectively.

The revised fares which will come into effect on June 28, will involve an increase in the average charges per mile from 8.37 cents for 1st Class and 4.87 cents for 3rd Class, to 0.11 and 0.26 cents respectively.

NO SPORTS

Rain again washed out yesterday's League Tennis and the Open Pairs championship lawn bowls matches.

CIRCLES SOVIET AQUATIC MEET

One world record, one European record and six Soviet records were broken at Moscow in the course of the Soviet swimming championships.

Mechikoff of Leningrad covered the 200 metres breast-stroke in the time of 2 minutes 23 1/10 seconds, breaking the world record set by the Soviet swimmer Bochenko by 6/10 of a second.

Onchakov covered the 200 metres free style in 2 minutes 11 2/10 seconds, breaking the European record set by the Swede Borne.

The Soviet feminine swimming star Alekhina covered the 400 metres backstroke in 5 minutes 56 7/10, setting another Soviet record.

GERMAN MERMAID MAKES TWO NEW RECORDS

Miss Ann Kepell established two new world records in Dusseldorf when she was timed at 6 minutes 18.3 seconds for the 400 m. breast-stroke, and 7 minutes 43.4 seconds for the 500 m. breast-stroke event.

K.F.C. BOWLS RINKS

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in the Lawn Bowls League to-morrow:—

SECOND DIV.—B. D. Evans; A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. C. Simpson (skip); W. Naei, A. Eastman, C. Downman, E. Kern (skip); A. Lapsley, V. Aitken, P. Young, husband, W. V. Field (skip).

THIRD DIV.—B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, T. Ferguson (skip); G. E. Cross, C. Woodcock (skip); A. Macintyre, R. M. Ogden (skip); B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip). Reserves—W. Ogley, W. Sera phina, J. Gibson.

NEW OAKS JOCKEYS AND PROBABLES

LONDON, June 19 (Reuters)—Probables and jockeys for the New Oaks are:

Fire (Lowrey), Hill Hampton (Richardson), Falence (Arthur Wragg), Precocity (Beary), Com motion (Harry Wragg), Dancing Time (Perryman), Sunny Dear (Cliff Richards), Sanatoga (Bridgeland), Beausite (Taylor); Turvana (Evans), Mercy (Ephraim Smith), Chelan (Beasley), Roman Empress (no jockey).

HOCKEY MATCH CHALLENGE

A challenge hockey match on roller-skates between the Empress Skating Rink and the Cire-Skating Rink is scheduled to take place early next month. A nominal fee for admission will be charged and proceeds will be donated to free schools for Chinese orphans.

WATER-POLO

In the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation water-polo tournament yesterday, R. C. Signals defeated 5th A. A. by 7-0. Scorers were Bidman (5) and Hunt (2). The former has netted 23 goals in seven games.

At the Navy pool, European Y.M.C.A. beat Navy "C" 7-2.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Lo Ming-yan, well-known Chinese motion picture producer and member of the Supervisory Committee of the Chinese Educational Films Association, Hongkong branch has left for Singapore to establish a branch association there.

Interviewed prior to his departure, Mr. Lo revealed that the idea to establish a branch of the Chinese Educational Films Association in Singapore was conceived by General Wu Te-chen, Secretary General of the Kuomintang when he visited British Malaya last spring in the capacity of Minister of Overseas Affairs.

Messrs. Lo Ming-yan, Lam Alman, and Hsueh Yung-tai, well-known figures in the Chinese motion picture circles, were subsequently appointed by the Association to form a preparatory committee.

Government Proposal To Offset The Concession To Married Taxpayers

"TO OFFSET THE CONCESSION TO MARRIED TAXPAYERS GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO TAX THE UNMARRIED MORE HEAVILY BY REDUCING THE EXEMPTION LIMIT OF \$4,800 A YEAR TO \$3,600; in this connexion I would point out that the exemption limit for United Kingdom Income Tax now stands at £110 or \$1,760," said the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd) at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday afternoon when he moved the first reading of a Bill to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940.

Addressing the Council, the Financial Secretary said:—

Sir, I rise to move the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the War Revenue Ordinance of 1940."

Your Excellency and Honourable Members will recall that rather more than a year ago, on March 14, 1940, the Honourable Mr. H. R. Butters moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to impose war taxes and to regulate the Collection thereof." At that time to us in Hongkong the war in Europe seemed almost a remote incident.

The initial excitement and the invasion and partition of Poland had been followed by a period of comparative inactivity during the winter of 1939-40.

The amazing events of the spring and summer of 1940—the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the over-running of Holland and Belgium, closely followed by the defeat and collapse of our great ally, France, which left the British Empire fighting virtually alone and with its back to the wall—were as yet undreamt of. The Battle of Britain had not been fought and won and the Battle of the Atlantic had not reached serious proportions.

Here in this Colony the proposal, made in connexion with the budget for 1940-41, to raise additional revenue for war purposes was followed by the appointment of a representative War Revenue Committee which in February, 1940, recommended that the desired war revenue should be raised by a combination of taxes on property, on salaries and on corporation and business profits made in the Colony assessed on bases and at rates calculated to impose very broadly the same degree of sacrifice on the several classes of persons affected.

The recommendations of the Committee were embodied in a draft War Revenue Bill which was accepted by Government and which was eventually passed by this Council on April 25, 1940, as Ordinance No. 13 of 1940.

It was hoped, on the basis of a rough estimate by Mr. Caine, that the revenue from these war taxes would be of the order of \$6,000,000 each year and that this revenue would be devoted to meeting the cost of collection (estimated at \$400,000 annually) and the abnormal expenditure imposed on the Colony by war conditions (estimated at about \$1,600,000 annually), thus leaving a substantial balance available for gifts to the Imperial Government in the form of locally-built vessels for the Admiralty and War Department (\$5,000,000 to be spent in the two financial years 1940-41 and 1941-42) and perhaps also for further gifts in cash or kind.

TO WHAT EXTENT?

It is now possible to look back upon the first year of assessment, which began on April 1, 1940, and ended on March 31, 1941, and to enquire to what extent the above expectations have been realised.

The actual revenue derived from the four war taxes for that year of assessment was approximately \$9,000,000 or fifty per cent. more than the original estimate, and I am glad to say that the cost of collection, that is to say the cost of the War Taxation Department, was only 3 per cent. of the total amount collected.

No expenditure was incurred during the financial year which ended on March 31, 1941, in respect of the locally-built vessels to be presented to His Majesty's Government and consequently the whole of this honourable liability has increased to \$6,220,000 because the tendered price of the vessels for the War Department proved to be higher than anticipated, appears in the printed estimates for the financial year 1941-42. But on the other hand the abnormal expenditure imposed on the Colony by war conditions has proved during the past twelve months or so to be very much greater than the original estimate.

In addition to the expenditure incurred in implementing a common with all other parts of



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PRETTY DOUBLE WEDDING

A pretty double wedding took place yesterday afternoon at Hop Yat Church when Nancy Koon-koon Leung and Miss Mary Lim, became the brides of Messrs. Henry S. T. and Joseph Cheung, sons of the late Mr. M. S. Cheung and Mrs. Cheung, of Hongkong, respectively.

The Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling officiated.

The brides looked charming in Chinese gowns of white lace and their tulip veils were held in place with orange blossoms. They carried sheaves of lotus lilies and maid-hair ferns.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Hop Yat Church Hall where many friends congratulated the newly-weds.

and—except in the case of Salaries Tax to which I shall refer presently—raise the rates of the war taxes to seven and fourteen per cent. The estimated yield from the five war taxes on this basis is \$15,400,000 per annum. If this sum is realised, and taking into account the \$6,000,000 surplus of revenue over expenditure in 1940-41, the expected total revenue for the current financial year more than equates the commitments at present known. I am afraid, however, that other commitments will inevitably appear; in fact some are already looming on the financial horizon.

The Bill which is now before Council provides therefore for taxation at the basic rates of seven and fourteen per cent. In implementation of Your Excellency's pledge that attention would be given to the question whether this further increase in the basic rates would re-act harshly on lower-salaried residents who have to maintain a family elsewhere in the Colony, having regard to the very considerable increases that are being made in the allowances for wives and children made to those persons paying Salaries Tax;

Thirdly, a different basis for the assessment of the tax on profits made by those carrying on a trade profession or business, with a view to increasing the yield from this tax which had proved disappointing on the previous basis owing to the loopholes for evasion thereby afforded;

Fourthly, a new tax on the one broad source of unearned income hitherto untaxed, namely, an Interest Tax on certain classes of readily ascertainable interest arising in or accruing in the Colony on debentures, mortgages, bills of sale and business loans; and

Fifthly, the raising of the original basic rates of taxation from five and ten per cent. to six and twelve per cent. respectively.

It was estimated by the Committee that at basic rates of five and ten per cent. the yield in 1941-42 from the five taxes would amount to \$11,000,000; since this sum would not be sufficient to meet the anticipated war expenditure during that year the Committee recommended an increase in the basic rates to six and twelve per cent. in order to produce an estimated yield of \$13,200,000.

RAISE RATES

At the last meeting of this Council, Your Excellency spoke of the need for a greater economic war effort on the part of the people of Hongkong and invited comparison with the effort and sacrifices which are being made by the people of the United Kingdom. In the hope and belief that

your Excellency's words were fully and acceptably given to Government, while appreciating the recommendations of the reconstituted War Revenue Committee, I would point out that the exemption limit for United Kingdom Income Tax now stands at £110 or \$1,760.

Sir, I now confidently commend the Bill to the attention of this Council.

The Attorney General seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Chater Endowment Full Bill

The Bill of an Ordinance to incorporate Trustees capable of holding property and empowered to administer two trust funds known as The Chater (Cathedral) Endowment Fund and The Chater (St. Andrew's Church) Endowment Fund for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church in this Colony, was read a first time at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

BON. MR. S.H. DODWELL

Moving the first reading, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell said:—

(This Bill is one to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Chater (Cathedral) Endowment Fund and the Chater (St. Andrew's Church) Endowment Fund, it has been duly advertised in accordance with the Royal Instructions and the standing orders of this Council relating to private bills and copies have been forwarded to the Hon. the Attorney General.

The two funds in question were provided by the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater during his life time for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of St. John's Cathedral Church and St. Andrew's Church and for augmenting the stipends of the clergy for the time being officiating at those places of worship.

Under the provisions of the trust deeds the two funds were vested in Trustees who have invested the capital and applied the income in accordance with the donor's wishes; the Trustees of both funds are the same.

CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE

It has been found in the past that considerable expense has had to be incurred on the death or retirement of a Trustee in order to appoint a New Trustee and vest the trust property in him.

In order to avoid this expense in the future the present Trustees are seeking incorporation by Ordinance; the draft Bill now before the Council carries out this desire, provides a simple and inexpensive method of appointing New Trustees and secures the advantages of stability and perpetual succession.

The two funds will of course continue to be administered by the Trustees in accordance with the wishes of the donor as contained in the two trust deeds.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson seconded.

BICY

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FINDS MR. FORREST UNFIT TO BE HEAD OF ANY DEPARTMENT

Report Blames Government For Appointment

"MR. FORREST, IN OUR OPINION, HAS PROVED HIMSELF UNFIT FOR THE POSITION OF HEAD OF THIS, OR OF ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT GOVERNMENT GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF HIS RETENTION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE."

This finding is contained in the REPORT of the COMMISSION to inquire into the IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT which was tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

The Commission recommended the Government to appoint an officer to follow up its instructions and see that they are obeyed by the Departments.

In its historical outline of the Immigration Office, the Report traced the conception of this Department from the arrival of Mr. S. M. Middlebrook, of the Malayan Civil Service, last summer to the opening of the Immigration Office on Nov. 18, 1940.

"The ship," went on the Report, "was launched under an unlucky star, for an entirely erroneous impression of the objects of the proposed legislation gained currency, and the office was from the outset besieged by crowds of people far greater than anyone, having regard to the real objects of immigration control, could ever have anticipated. In one local Chinese newspaper, for example, long articles based apparently on official communiques were published on November 8 and 9. The earlier article was published under the caption 'Residents having occupations are to be registered and to apply for certificates,' while the second article includes the statement 'All Chinese residents must apply for certificates of residence.'

"The SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST too appears either to have misunderstood the communique or to have been misinformed of Government's intentions, for in the issue of November 9 it published a lengthy article the headlines of which are 'Immigration Check. All Residents of Colony to have Identification documents.' Small wonder, then, that the new office was swamped with applications, many of which need never have been made.

ADVISED POSTPONEMENT

"It had originally been the intention, on Mr. Forrest's recommendation, to bring the Ordinance into force on Dec. 17, but on Dec. 4 Mr. Forrest advised postponement until Jan. 14 on the plea that he had not yet built up an effective machinery for the control of immigration. To this request His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government acceded, minuting "It would be a mistake to start until the measure can operate effectively."

"On December 18 the Chinese Chamber of Commerce suggested a further postponement until after Chinese New Year which this year was in the last week of January. This suggestion was strongly opposed by Mr. Forrest, and it is not, we suggest, unreasonable to presume that Government therefore took it for granted that Mr. Forrest had got together a staff and devised an office system adequate to the calls which, in view of the experience gained since November 18, he might anticipate would be made upon it when the legislation should come into force on Jan. 14."

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The Report deals first with the adequacy or otherwise of the financial system instituted in the Immigration Department.

There is nothing in the requirements of the approved system of immigration control that calls for any involved system of accounting. In these circumstances Mr. Forrest's attitude to this most essential form of financial control is to us incomprehensible.

It is understandable that the officer who on November 20 made so full a confession as to the absence of any accounting system in his new office should on December 4 seek a months' postponement of the commencement of the Ordinance.

BLASTING POWERS

We know that Government is armed, and has necessarily to be

apparently complicated forms by unintelligent and illiterate members of the community it is not surprising that, in aid of applicants for permits, there sprang up a multiplicity of agents who, for a consideration, held themselves out as able to obtain permits expeditiously and with the minimum of trouble to the applicant. With such a little gold mine in view it is only natural that many of these agents were found to be corrupt and inefficient, or that they should seek to cloak their inefficiency by attempting to bribe officers of the department.

The Immigration Officer had no option but to recognise the fact of these agencies. He went further, rightly, we think, and extended recognition to some while blacklisting others. Troubles, however, still arose and Mr. Forrest was at his wits' end for a solution.

Mr. Kobza as from November 20 had operated a photographic studio in the Immigration Office (that was one of the recommendations of the Middlebrook report) and on December 1 he applied for a monopoly not only of the photographic work required but also of the completion of application forms. That application was refused on Mr. Forrest's recommendation.

On December 11 Mr. Forrest had reconsidered the matter and strongly advocated the grant of a monopoly. The question was referred to the Governor in Executive Council, and the decision there taken was that the proposed long term monopoly should not be granted, but that there would be no objection to the selection of a few authorised agencies by the method of tender on short term contracts. That was on December 24, 1940, and Mr. Forrest was present at the meeting of Council and further had the decision conveyed to him on December 27.

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Regret At Governor's Departure

Regret at the announcement that His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote is to relinquish his appointment as Governor of Hong Kong for reasons of health, was expressed by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Senior Unofficial Member, at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency said: I was extremely grieved when I felt bound in duty by the medical advice which I received, to surrender my trust to the hands of the Secretary of State and to make way for a more able-bodied man. I thank the Council for all the support that I have always had.

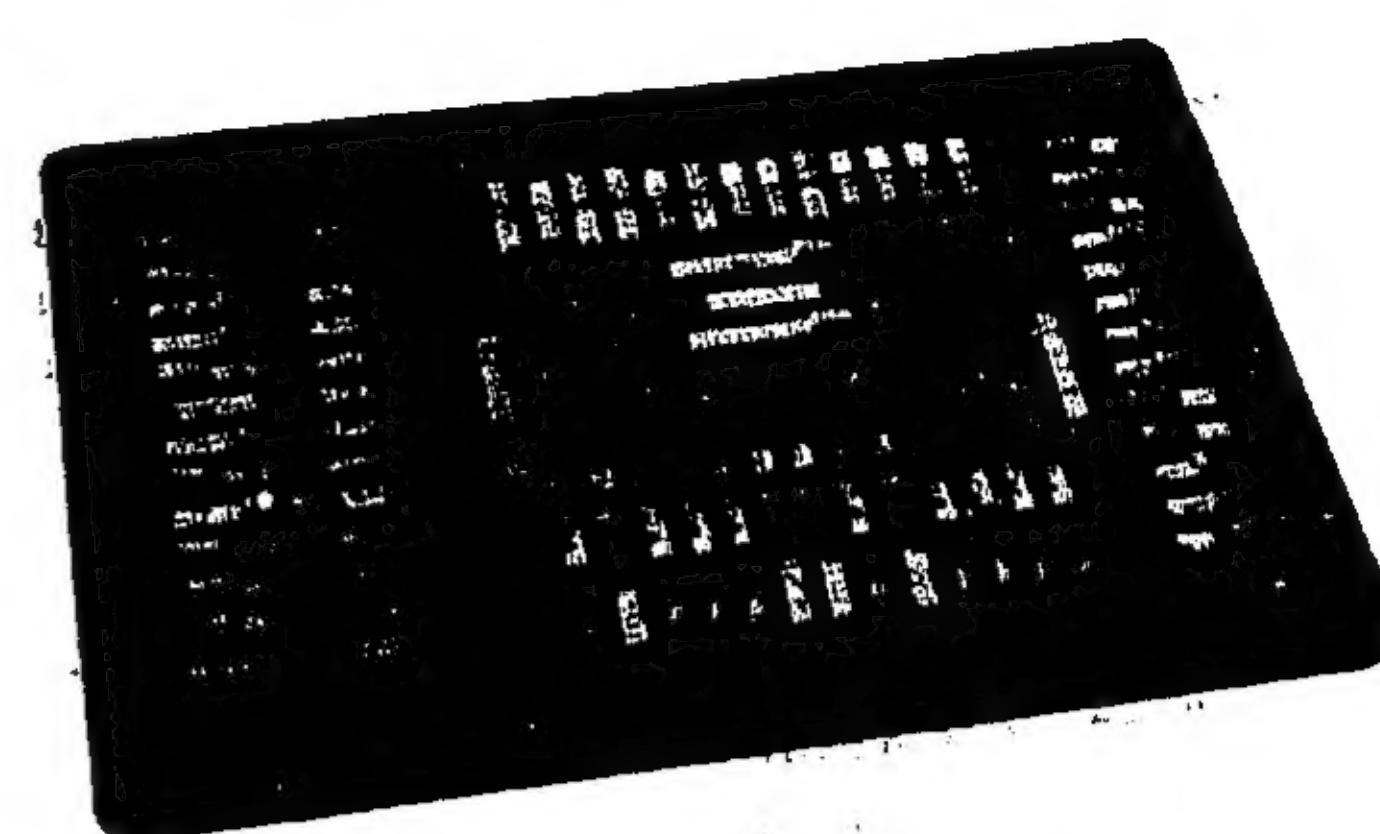
THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (President), H. E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd (Financial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr (Chairman of the Urban Council), Hon. Mr. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Tam, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-tong and Mr. C. Brannell Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

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DEMOLITION OF SQUATTERS' HUTS AT TAI HANG: "ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT WAS WRONG", SAYS HON. MR. M. K. LO

The destruction and demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang was again before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon when the HON. MR. M. K. LO, C.B.E., moved a resolution that, in the opinion of this Council, Government should not resort to its extraordinary emergency powers to attain an end unconnected with the emergency.

The motion was defeated.

Mr. Lo, replying to the Colonial Secretary, said that he WAS STILL OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT WAS WRONG.

"We must experience a sense of disappointment that Government should permit measures intended by their severity for the promotion of public safety to be diverted and applied for the promotion of public health, however laudable the latter object may be," remarked Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Tam, in supporting the motion.

HON. MR. M. K. LO

Proposing the motion, Mr. Lo said:—

Your Excellency:—The object of my introducing the Motion standing in my name is not to indulge in an academic discussion on a theoretical constitutional problem.

My object is to draw the attention of this Council to certain answers which Government recently gave to my questions concerning the destruction and demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang because, in my view, these answers raise an urgent and vital issue on the question of constitutional government.

The gist of the answers was that the destruction was not ordered as a matter of defence; that the action was taken under Regulation 37 of the Emergency Regulations merely on grounds of public health; that the reason why action was taken under the Emergency Regulations and not under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932 was, because the procedure prescribed by the ordinary law "is too cumbersome to cope with the increasing number of squatters on Crown land"; and that the Emergency Regulations obviated the necessity of arresting and charging the squatters before a magistrate and enabled the area to be cleared more expeditiously.

That any officer having got that further period of grace should during it neither arrange for an adequate system of book-keeping nor assign an

armed, with very drastic powers affecting the liberty of the subject for the purpose of dealing with an emergency. Some of these extraordinary and emergency powers are derived, not from any local or ordinance, but from Orders-in-Council, over which this Council has no control at all.

It is not against well-merited punishment that we are making an appeal; it is against that type of logic which manages to establish a connexion between squatters' huts, above all else, and defence: it is not the authoritarian whom we fear; it is the Machiavellian.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Colonial Secretary said:—Sir, if the motion now before the Council were merely on the general question of constitutional policy which its wording would suggest there is no one in this Council, official or unofficial, who would not give it his whole hearted support.

The Honourable Mr. Lo, however, has in his speech linked the motion with the action taken against certain squatters which was the subject of debate in our meeting of 22nd May. As was stated on that date there was in this case no question of defence involved.

The emergency dealt with in November 1938 was the vast influx of refugee squatters which followed the unfortunate events in South China at that time, and the resultant danger to the public health of the Colony. That emergency, so far from being mitigated by the outbreak of war, has continued and unfortunately still continues; so much so that the 1938 "Squatters and Destitutes" Regulations were successively fortified by the provisions which are to be found in Government Notifications 913 of 1939 and 146 and 120 of 1940.

To deal with such a situation quick action is necessary and this was no doubt in the minds of members of this Council when they approved of the November 1938 Regulations and the three amendments which I have quoted.

MR. LO'S REPLY

"I am still of the opinion that the action taken by Government was wrong," stated Mr. Lo, in reply. He could not see the neces-



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city for the action as the pulling down of the huts ten days or a fortnight earlier or later would have made no difference.

Mr. Lo added that he could not think that the members of the Council would have consented to the amendments to the Regulations mentioned by the Colonial Secretary if it was ever contemplated that Government would make use of these emergency powers for another purpose.

He was glad to know from the Colonial Secretary that there was no difference of opinion in the Council on the general question of constitutional policy.

Mr. Lo concluded by saying that he must press the motion to division.

Mr. Lo: The Governor: As the Colonial Secretary has said the Government cannot accept this motion but prima facie it is in order.

The motion, as stated above, was defeated.

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All firms, hongs, companies and individuals concerned with the import into Hong Kong of the articles mentioned below should note that in future it is necessary for them to submit all indents to this office for endorsement before their despatch to the United Kingdom. Importers are warned that failure to register and to submit indents to this office may involve refusal of permission to import the articles in question.

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2. Dextrose, including soluble starch and substance known as British gum.
3. Gelatine.

D. L. NEWBIGGING,
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19th June, 1941.

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SINGAPORE, 7th June, 1941.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Vivian Rothwell Bowden late of Warden House 69 Mount Ephraim Tunbridge Wells in the County of Kent England formerly of the Victoria and Albert Hotel Torquay in the County of Devon, Esquire, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 10th July, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Executors,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF MEETING AT ST. JAMES' PALACE ON BRITISH WAR AIMS

"Herr Hitler cannot rest until he has conquered the whole world. He cannot live if there is a patch on the map left where men can plot and plan against him," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., and well-known speaker and writer on international affairs when he broadcast from London yesterday on the significance of the meeting of Britain and her allies at St James' Palace recently.

"The Germans and the Italians are very angry about this meeting," continued Mr. Bartlett, and went on to describe the reactions of the Axis Powers to the conference.

AXIS SARCASM

The German radio, he said, had described the conference as a meeting of phantom allies and as usual the Rome Radio copied the Berlin theme. Listeners were told that Mr. Churchill must have taken to drink on an unprecedented scale to consider such a meeting would be productive of any result.

The Germans were really angry because this meeting of the Allied representatives had foreshadowed their own plans to hold a conference of the European states which had been brought under their control.

Mr. Bartlett next referred to a photograph which he had before him of those who attended the conference at St James' Palace. He mentioned by name every one of the representatives present.

Critical Step

"This is the first critical step which has been taken to form that new federation or league of states which will be strong enough to enforce peace," said Mr. Bartlett. "There are already a good many technical committees of the allied governments here and these will deal with problems that arise when the war is over."

Mr. Bartlett visualised further meetings of this kind on Parliamentary lines a method which would help those concerned to work out their national problems against an international background.

"Some of us," went on Mr. Bartlett, "have clambered for a statement of our war aims. Such a statement is difficult to make because it might be regarded as too generous to make promises to do this and that in a world which may have altered out of all recognition by the time peace comes."

THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Even so, it will show which way the wind is blowing. Last week for example there were three announcements of importance. But only one of these found front page space in the newspapers. That was Mr. Anthony Eden's announcement of changes in the Diplomatic Service."

"The second announcement was

FOUR REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place at the Registry Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:

Mr. So Wal-keung, clerk, of No. 1 Wing Wah Terrace, and Miss Queenie Fung, of No. 52 High St.

Mr. Chiu Pat-sung, student, of No. 82 Cheung Sha Wan Road, third floor, and Miss Le Sul-kwan, of No. 719 Nathan road;

Mr. Walter Chan, housekeeper, of No. 10 Wyndham Street, third floor, and Miss Anita Tsang, of No. 87 Robinson Road;

Mr. Chan Chan-pui, of No. 177 Wan Chai Road, and Miss Wong Kit-bing, of No. 74 Wan Chai Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:

Mr. Chan Shuk-tong, book keeper, of No. 58 Wing Lok Street, and Miss Ho Yuk-ping, of No. 20 Po Yee Street, third floor;

Mr. Chan Chu-tien, dispenser, of No. 43 Connaught Road Central, third floor, and Miss Lam Yam-ye, of No. 34 Lee Teng Street, first floor;

Mr. Nicholas Abdul Mirza Jaffer, secretary, of No. 10 Duke Street, and Miss Nellie Grace Merkham, of the same address;

Mr. Liang Pak-wing, merchant, of "Kong Heng," Pasar Street, Tsimshai, and Miss Wo Wal-si, of No. 48 Belcher Street;

Mr. Li Kwan-yuen, blacksmith of Messrs. Yeo Hop, Praya, Shaukiwan West, and Miss Wong Stet-ying, of No. 88 Lockhart Road, first floor;

Mr. Chu Wing-hang, merchant, of No. 22 Eastern Street, and Miss Wong Wal-yung, of No. 13 Cheung Sha Wan Road, first floor.

THEFT ALLEGED

Yip Wai, of no fixed abode, was yesterday arrested for larceny of a chicken from Chan Mui, 40, married woman, at the Yau Ma Tei Market.

It was alleged that Yip wrapped the chicken in his handkerchief

Despatch Of Food Parcels To British War Prisoners

The Committee of the British Prisoners of War Fund, from its inception, has been pursuing its investigations along three main lines as follow:—(1) To ascertain whether the British Red Cross could arrange to receive actual food shipments either in bulk or in parcels; (2) Whether it would be preferable to make them cash remittances; (3) As an alternative and with a view to getting into more direct contact with the Prisoners of War camps from here the Committee are also investigating the possibility of forwarding goods to Russia for redistribution to Prisoners of War Camps in Germany either by Northern Ports or via the Persian Gulf.

As regards (1) and (2) we have received the following telegram from the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross in London in reply to a telegraphic enquiry in this connection:

"Your offer send parcels prisoners of war much appreciated stop Present procedure we despatch in bulk to International Red Cross Geneva who redespatch to all camps according to the numbers of prisoners in each thus ensuring equitable distribution to prisoners stop Personal parcels can only be sent by nextofkin quarterly stop Present system now working satisfactorily and steady flow to camps being maintained stop Consequently considered opinion of all parties concerned that you transfer funds here stop Writing fully airmail—330 Stanley Adams Red Cross London."

In view of this reply and in order that there should be no further delay, we have decided to make a first remittance of £350 out of the total amount of HK\$7,118 subscribed to date. (This has been made possible principally on account of a very generous gift of HK\$5,000 which we received from the Hongkong Jockey Club. This remittance was sent by Telegraphic Transfer on June 13.

REGULAR REMITTANCES
It is the intention of our Committee to endeavour to make remittances in this manner every month and to achieve this it would be a very great help to be able to count upon regular monthly subscriptions.

We feel sure it will be realised that Prisoners of War are entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions for anything beyond the absolute bare necessities of life. Butter, Tea, Sugar, etc. Cigarettes, Warm Clothing, Books and any other small comforts have to be provided by the Red Cross solely out of voluntary subscriptions.

As regards (3), in attempting to find means of sending parcels to Prisoners of War Camps direct from here through Russia, one member of our Committee was able to get in personal touch with Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow. His advice was that distribution from Moscow presents no difficulties provided we can deliver the goods. We are continuing to pursue our investigations on those lines.

LETTER-POST
Mention has been made in the Press of Parcels to Prisoners of War being sent from Shanghai by letter-post via Siberia. This is quite correct. The Chinese Post in Shanghai, doubtless by International arrangement, will accept parcels free of all postal charges. of Tobacco, Cigarettes, properly packed tins of Food, Butter and so forth, Oxo Cubes and such like

PADLOCK STOLEN
A padlock from the gates of the newly-opened King George V Memorial Park at Jordan Road, Yaumati, was reported to have been stolen sometime during Wednesday night, according to a Police report.

Li Kam, 26, filter of Reiss Brad Jey Co., has reported the loss of a motor pump, valued at \$50, from No. 239 Prince Edward Road yesterday.

Mr. Haynes, of No. 24 Braga Circuit, has reported that a palm-beach suit, valued at \$15, a pencil and a motorcar driving licence, have been stolen from his residence.

RICKSHAW MAN INJURED
As a result of losing control of his rickshaw No. 76 while descending the pathway leading to the King's Park Refugee Camp yesterday at 11.30 a.m., Choi Ming-shiu, 26, rickshaw puller, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from a ruptured spleen.

Chan Shiu-yuk, a shop boy, was passenger in the vehicle but was not injured.

AGAINST SOVIET
The view that the Turkish-German Treaty is directed against the Soviet rather than against Britain is expressed by the NEW YORK TIMES in a leading article. Radio commentators have also wisely interpreted that Treaty as directed principally against the Soviet.

Other commentators, however, expressed the belief that Turkey was now definitely aligned with the Axis.

REFUSED TO SIGN
The Turkish Government refused to sign the Treaty of Friendship with Germany. It is understood, unless the clause safeguarding the Anglo-Turkish Treaty was included.

It was alleged that Yip wrapped the chicken in his handkerchief

ALLIED TROOPS TO ATTACK DAMASCUS: FINAL WARNING ISSUED TO GENERAL DENTZ

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter)—The French troops have now reached the western suburbs of Damascus, according to a despatch to the Independent French news agency from its correspondent with the French forces in Syria. Vichy troops are still holding the village of Mexe, some three miles from Damascus. Other Free French and Indian troops are pushing forward along the Kiswe-Damascus road, east of the mountainous district Janon Atriz.

Vichy artillery is shelling the road south of Kiswe in a last effort to delay the fall of Damascus but the Allied supply and troop convoys continue to come through uninterruptedly.

Free French and British troops occupied all the fortified positions towards the east and west of Kiswe, 12 miles south of Damascus, says a communiqué from the Free French Headquarters in the Middle East carried from Jerusalem by the Independent French Agency.

FINAL WARNING

A final warning to the French High Commissioner at Damascus, General Dentz, to capitulate, failing which an allied attack on Damascus would begin at 5.30 this morning, was made by radio from Jerusalem by the British Commander, General Maitland Wilson, yesterday.

General Wilson added Vichy would be responsible for the bombardment.

Whether the French capitulate or not, General Wilson promised he would start the occupation of Damascus at dawn today.

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT

French naval units bombarded British troops in the Sidon area on Tuesday evening, says a semi-official Beirut telegram to Vichy.

POSITION SATISFACTORY
CAIRO, June 18 (Reuter)—The position in Syria is considered satisfactory in circles usually well-informed.

The Vichy raiding thrusts round Kuneitra and Merj Ayoun have been contained and ample forces are available to drive them back. This action is in fact in full swing.

Further east, the Allied forces are slowly making their way down the foothills leading to Damascus Plain.

With Allied columns making headway towards the city from various points of the compass, the situation is, however, somewhat confused.

Indian troops here, as in North Africa, are taking part and are

LOUIS WINS

NEW YORK, June 19 (Reuter)—Joe Louis knocked out Billy Conn, his 18th challenger, in the 13th round, thus retaining the world heavyweight title which he first won in 1937.

DRAMATIC END

The fight ended with dramatic suddenness. Conn had been going extremely well punishing Louis and winning round after round until a right hook to the jaw staggered and hurt him.

The blow only travelled a few inches but had terrific power behind it.

Louis followed up with a barrage of lefts and rights and the fight ended with only two seconds of the round left.

Sexton Alleged To Have Accepted \$7 Bribe

Allegations that a sexton of the Sanitary Department had only agreed to dig a grave in the Ngau Chi Wan Cemetery after having received \$7 as "tea money" were made in a case before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

THE SEXTON

52, of No. 14, Yat Tat Road, second floor, who was charged with having accepted a bribe of \$7 by a public servant.

General Wilson added Vichy

would be responsible for the bombardment.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty. The prosecution was conducted by Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes.

Complainant, Tsui Wai-sun, of No. 74, High Street, first floor, in evidence, said that a friend of his died on June 2, and the funeral was left in the hands of Messrs. Brown, Jones and Company.

At 2 p.m. on the same day, witness started out for Ngau Chi Wan Cemetery and the body arrived there about 3.40 p.m.

TOO LATE

He approached defendant and requested a grave to be dug. To this, defendant was alleged to have said that it was already too late to work as he would be off at 4.30 p.m. and asked witness to come the next morning.

Witness then offered to defendant \$5 as "tea money," which defendant said that it was not enough to be divided among all the workers, and he finally agreed at \$7.

The sum was paid over, the grave was dug and the coffin entombed.

Further hearing was fixed for June 28, at noon.

FATAL SHOCK

A Chinese male, Ng Lok-kee, 25, died at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday as a result of an electric shock received while working in the Chung Shing torch factory, No. 9 Hoi Han Street, Shaukiwan.

LONDON, June 19 (Reuter)—The Oaks, run today, resulted as follows:—1. Commotion; 2. Turfman; 3. Dancing Time.

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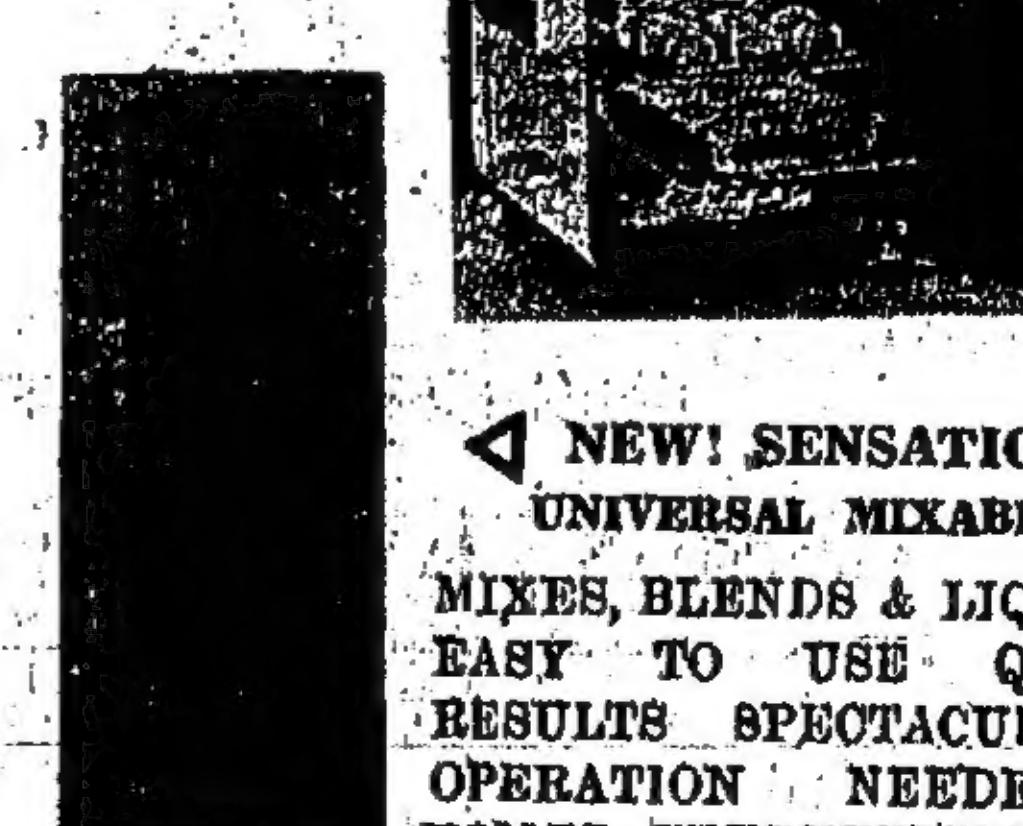
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SOLDIER FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

By a majority verdict of 5-2, PTE. THOMAS PETER DURDAN, 27, of the ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS, was found guilty by a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of manslaughter.

Sentence was postponed until Monday.

Durdan was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for having unlawfully killed a 67-year-old woman, Ho Sze, in Sai Kung Road on May 18.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Traffic Sub-Insp. A. R. Brittain.

Accused was not legally represented.

The following jury was empanelled: — Messrs. F. M. Ellis (Foreman), Wong Ting-in, A. M. Tye, Chu Kar-chun, F. Carpio, H. W. Pomeroy and Leung Shui-tak.

Mr. Williams brought to light several accidents in which accused was alleged to be involved prior to the fatal mishap.

Regarding the actual incident, Mr. Williams said that an eye-witness, To Chan, would testify that he saw a car coming towards him at a fast pace and suddenly swerved diagonally across the road and hit a woman. The car continued towards him and hit his tricycle.

CAUSE OF DEATH

Dr. H. H. Tai testified that the cause of death was fractured skull and cranial haemorrhage.

Dr. H. T. Bee said he examined accused and found him sober and his speech coherent.

Traffic Sub-Insp. M. Clark said that in his opinion the brakes of the car were very good.

In a statement from the dock, accused said that at Sai Kung Road he saw a bus in front and did not pass it. Suddenly a woman appeared three or four yards in front of his car. He jammed the brakes and swerved to avoid the woman but failed and knocked her down.

Lieut. E. P. Wiseman, R.A.S.C., said that accused had a good military record.

Asked what he had to say, accused said that he had been worried by the deaths of his father and mother in the recent air raids. He had moments of dizziness and had been under medical treatment for over a year.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

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By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates); Chanson D'Amour (Suk); Orchestre Raymond Tristesse (Chopin—arr. de Marbot); Pensée D'Automne (Massenet); Tino Rossi (Tenor); Orch. Delibes in Vienna (arr. Walter); — Orchestre Raymond Si Vous L'avez Comprise (Denzai); Ideal (Tosti); — Tino Rossi (Tenor) w. Orch. Invitation to the Waltz (Weber—arr. Walter); — Orchestre Polonoise Militaire (Chopin); — Raymond; "Les Pecheurs De Perles"; — Romance Du Nid (Bize); Berceuse De Jocelyn (Goddard, Silvestre and Capoul); Berceuse (Jarnefelt); — Orchestre Raymond.

11.00 London Relay—O M Green's Newsletter.

11.15 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

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G.S.B. 9.1m.c. (31.35m.)
G.S.H. 21.47m.c. (31.91m.)
G.S.O. 15.18m.c. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I News Summary 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
do 9.00 p.m.
do 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary 7.30 p.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 p.m.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

WOUNDING CASE

Commitial proceedings against Lee Wing, alias Lee Wing-cheung, charged with having unlawfully and maliciously wounded Huen Pui at Aberdeen Old Road on May 4, with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm, were begun before Major Macfadyen yesterday.

The prosecution was conducted by Det.-Insp. J. O'Donovan, assisted by Sub-Insp. P. Kellett.

Insp. O'Donovan said that on the night of May 3/4, complainant was sitting in the enclosed verandah of the Peak Club on the lookout for a person who had on previous occasions stolen flowers from the garden.

Shortly before 2.30 a.m., complainant saw a man cutting lilles from pots near the main door. On sounding an alarm, complainant immediately rushed toward the man, equipped with an electric torch.

The thief made off along Aberdeen Old Road and was chased by complainant.

When the man was overtaken, complainant struck him on the head with his torch many times, and the man retaliating, stabbed complainant with his knife.

Complainant remained in hospital until June 12.

Hearing was adjourned to this afternoon at 2.30.

CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Convicted on a charge of having assaulted a district watchman, Young So, 23, and a Street Guard, Ng Kwoi, 30, with intent to resist apprehension, Teju Ching-tai, 26, coolie, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and to be banished for life at the expiration of his term by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det. Sgt. C. Pope said that the assault took place following the arrest by the complainants of an alleged earrings-snatcher.

Defendant, denying the charge, deposed that he had taken no part in the assault and that he was a mere spectator.

POSSESSION OF WARD

Defendant, represented by Mr. C. D'Almada, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Hearing was fixed for July 10 at 2.30 p.m., bail being allowed at \$200.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers is prosecuting.

LARCENY BY SERVANT

Albert Hamid Harteem, 30, local store houseman at the Aberdeen Naval Base, residing at No. 276, Temple Street, first floor, was fined \$10 or one month's hard labour by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny by servant of four gallons of linseed, valued at \$14, the property of the Naval Authorities, on June 18.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, assisted by Sgt. R. MacKenzie, prosecuted.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED

A warrant for the arrest of Chou Kai, proprietor of the Kai Kee firm, No. 534, Queen's Road West, was issued by Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when he failed to answer a summons against him charging alleged trade mark forgery.

Defendant was alleged to have been in possession, on June 1, for sale or for purpose of trade or manufacture, flavoring powder and tins to which a forged trade mark was applied so as to be calculated to

The summons was brought by Say Chu-sung, manager of the Tien In Mo Co., Ltd., No. 37, Lockhart Road, who was represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

USED DUTY LABELS

Arrested at the Po Tak Wharf, Connaught Road Central, on Wednesday, in possession of a parcel containing 240 used duty labels for cosmetic goods. Cheung Chi-tat, 29, travelling trader, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on \$500 bail on a charge of unlawful possession of same, with intent to use again.

A fine of \$300 was imposed. Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern prosecuted.

HEARING FIXED

Li Tun, 36, shop foki, of No. 60, D'Aguilar Street, ground floor, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on charges of stealing \$90 worth of printing paper from No. 30, Lee Yuen Street West, ground floor, on June 18, and another \$6 worth on June 18, and the alternative counts of receiving stolen property.

Mak Chi-tai, 39, foki in charge of junk No. T4883H similarly

charged before Mr. Anderson with attempting to export 1,300 tins was fined \$250 or three months.

Acting Sub-Insp. George also prosecuted.

EXPORT OF PETROL

Siu Ng, 52, cargo watcher, of No. 7 Wo Hin Street, ground floor, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with attempting to export 2,080 tins of petrol without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Acting Sub-Insp. L. K. George, prosecuting, stated that he boarded a junk (T2536H) at Tin Ha Wan on June 18 at 9.20 p.m. and found the goods on board.

Accused was fined \$250 or three months.

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CAUSED OBSTRUCTION

For causing an obstruction on the footpath just outside the entrance of his shop by amplified gramophone record music on his radio, Lui Wai, of No. 400 Shanghai Street, ground floor, was fined \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Accused was charged with selling entertainment tickets at a place other than the Ticket Office.

Sub-Insp. T. Collins prosecuting, said that the accused was arrested by District Watchman No. 48 at about 8.20 p.m. on June 18 while

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On Singapore:	14.25/25
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	14.37/37
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On India:	14.41/41
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On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	149 1/2
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Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, June 19. Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 7/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported sellers as being scarce. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London New York cross rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 3/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1 31/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24.9 16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 447 1/2. Later business was arranged at 447, 447 1/2 and 448. The market closed with sellers at 448 1/2, buyers at 449.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 31/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 31 1/2 and at the close sellers were quoted at 57/16 for Cash.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1 31/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 448 1/2. Later business was arranged at 448 3/4 and 449 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 449, buyers at 449 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 31 1/32 for Spot. Subsequently the rate eased off to 32 1/4. U. S. Dollars sellers at 57/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, June 19 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

Opening 0/3-1/4
London 0/3-1/4
New York 5 5/16
Japan 22 1/2
India 18
Paris nominal
Hongkong 21 5/8

Sterling

Opening 0/3-1/2
London 0/3-21/4
New York 0/3-21/4
Japan 0/3-21/4
India 0/3-21/4
Paris 0/3-21/4
Hongkong 0/3-21/4

U. S. Dollars

Spot \$8-15/32 \$5-7/16
June 6-15/32 6-7/10
July 6-15/32 6-7/10
Market: Quiet

Silver-Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, June 18.					
	Prev.	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	14.20	14.25	14.05	14.05	.15 off
New York Rubber, July	21.00	21.10	21.10	21.10	up
New York Hides, Sept.	14.70b	14.76	14.60	14.65	.05 off
Chicago Wheat, July	1004	1004	983	983	1/8 off
Chicago Corn, July	73 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	unch
Closing Ranges Changes					
N.Y. COTTON: Notice date—25/6					
July	14.05	15	15	15	off
Oct.	14.25	25	15	15	off
Dec.	14.35	36	15	15	off
Jan.	14.37	37	15	15	off
Mar.	14.40	41	15	15	off
May	14.41	41	15	15	off
Tuesday's sales:—200,100 bales					
N.Y. RUBBER: Notice date—27/6					
July	21.11b	21.11b	21.11b	21.11b	up
Sept.	20.80b	20.85a	20.80b	20.85a	up
Dec.	20.7	76	20.6	76	up
Mar.	20.55b	unch	20.55b	unch	
May	20.45	N	20.45	N	unch
Business done:—862 lots.					
N.Y. SUGAR No. 3: Notice date 24/6					
July	92 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	.04 up
Sept.	99b	99a	99b	99a	.03 up
Business done:—628 lots.					
N.Y. SUGAR No. 4: Notice date 17/6					
July	92 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	.04 up
Sept.	99b	99a	99b	99a	.03 up
Business done:—628 lots.					
N.Y. COFFEE: Notice date 27/6					
July	11.87b	11.98a	11.87b	11.98a	12 up
Sept.	11.90b	12.00a	11.90b	12.00a	unch
Business done:—628 lots.					
N.Y. COCOA					
Sept.	7.92	N	7.92	N	.01 off
N.Y. COPPER: Notice date 27/6					
July	11.00b	11.00b	11.00b	11.00b	unch
N.Y. Official Silver 34 3/4					
N.Y. London Cross Rate 4.03 3/4					
Tuesday's sales:—10,282,000 bushels.					

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, June 18.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

		London, June 18.
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952)	104 1/2	
Defence Loan, 3%	100-15	16
Canton K'loon Rly, 5%	8	
Chinese 4% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	38	
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47	38	
Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan 1908	37	
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	21	
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31	
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	7-9	
Chin. Imperial Rly, 5%	48	
Honan Rly, 5% 1905	10	
Hukouang Rly, 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14	
Hukouang Rly, 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13	
Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly, 5%, 1913	9	
Shai-N'king Rly, 5%	14	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Std.)	10	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (German Std.)	10	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Std. Supl. Loan)	10	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Gen. Std. Supl. Loan)	10	
Jap. 6% Star. Loan, 1924	25	
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	41	
Chartered Bank	84	
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	75	
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	79	
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	11-1/4	
Chosen Corporation	11	
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "C"	11	
Pekin Syndicate	1/2	
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	16	
S'hai Waterworks "A"	22	
Union Insurance	16	
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	16	
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	13	
Great Western Rly.	35	
National Bank of India	32	
B-A. Tob. (bearer)	83/9	
Dunlop Rubber	33/10	
Bristol Aeroplane	10/9	
Imperial Chemical Ind.	31/3	
United Steel	23/9	
Woolworths	46/7	
Marsman Investments	6/3	
Western Holdings	14/3	
Sub-Nig. (bearer)	141/3	
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	44/4	
Sellers Opening Closing		
Spot 0/3-11/32 0/3-21/4		
June 0/3-11/32 0/3-21/4		
July 0/3-11/32 0/3-21/4		
Market: Quiet		
Silver-Duty Rate		
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Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, June 18 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

Market: Quiet

Silver-Duty Rate

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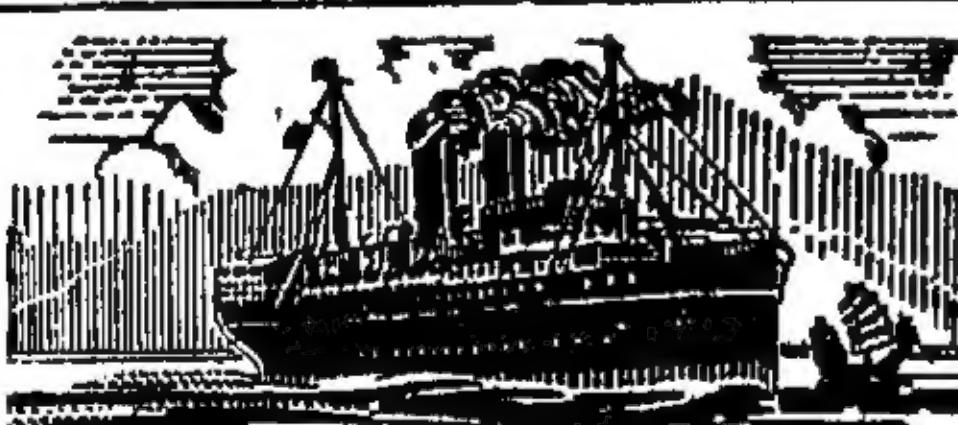
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OIL SHIPMENT FOR JAPAN STOPPED AT PHILADELPHIA

WASHINGTON, June 18 (Central) — Well-informed circles in Washington regard the stoppage yesterday by Mr. Harold Ickes, the Petroleum Co-ordinator for Defence, of the shipment of 232,000 gallons of lubricating oil from Philadelphia to Japan as the United States Government's first step in further tightening exports and possibly a prelude to a complete embargo on petroleum products to Japan.

Although the amount prevented from being exported is small and the action is explained as involving no question of international oil policy but being a matter of co-ordinating supplies owing to a shortage on the East Coast, observers believe that the move is a logical outcome of long agitation both in Congress and the public for a complete stoppage of oil supplies to Japan.

Interviewed at the Press Conference yesterday, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, declared that the State Department's policy vis-a-vis oil shipments to Japan remains unchanged which means that gasoline of eighty-seven per cent. high octane is still banned from export but fuel of lower octane is exportable.

Certain Congress men, public organisations and newspapers are strongly opposed to supplying oil to Japan since Japanese planes are ruthlessly bombing Chinese cities and Japan is recognised as the real dangerous potential enemy of the United States.

ACT OF WAR

However, there is a section of opinion which is against the United States placing a complete embargo on oil shipments to Japan for the following reasons:

First, since the United States is not at war with Japan, such action is tantamount to an act of war;

Second, companies selling oil to Japan are private concerns and

Police Courts

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hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday for larceny of a wrist watch from Lui Kam-ling, 23, married woman.

Sgt. Whitcroft, prosecuting, said that while complainant was walking along Nathan Road near Nanking Street, accused came from behind her and snatched the wrist watch and ran. She raised an alarm and Mr. N. G. Ritchie, of Jordan Road, who happened to be near by, gave chase and arrested defendant in Nanking Street.

79,000 TORCH BULBS

Alleged to have stolen 79,000 torchlight bulbs from Mak Lufun, proprietor of the Tin Sine Lung Kee bulb factory, at No. 86, Argyle Street and Nos. 99 and 101, Haiphong Street, Chan Chai-lang, 24, manager of the factory, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, assisted by Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuted, while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remondino appeared for defendant.

Complainant said that defendant was employed as foreman in the factory at \$20 per month and was entrusted with a large quantity of bulbs.

In his own defence, accused said he was employed as the manager at \$80 per month. Complainant owed him salary and failed to pay. Hearing was adjourned until July 8.

MARINE COURT

Fines of \$30 were imposed by Cmdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court yesterday on Fung Kuen-chun, 65, and Kwok San-ning, 18, steersmen of fishing junks Nos. 10HVA and 127HA of Macao, who were charged with having anchored their craft in a prohibited area, the Tathong Chan-nel minefield.

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LONDON, June 19 (BWS) — A new system to help British exporters to avoid unnecessary delays in transit of goods has been introduced by the Ministry of Economic Warfare by means of the issue of a "destination control certificate."

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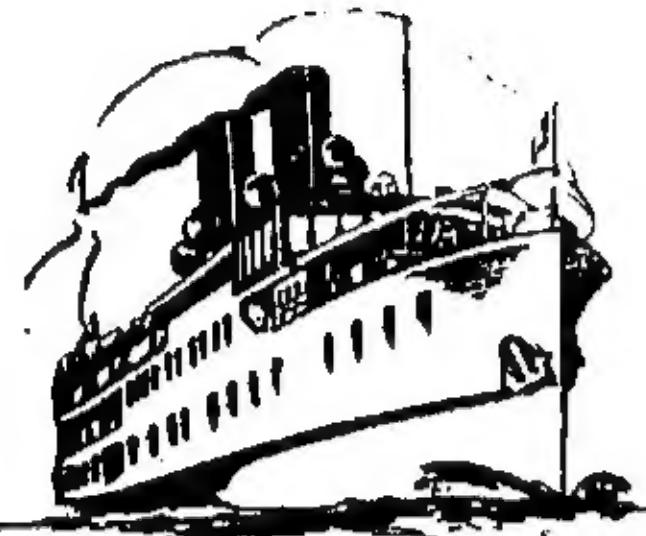
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IMMIGRATION INQUIRY REPORT FINDINGS

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An agreement having been, was aware of his record. The police report that twenty seven members of the staff were unknown at the addresses given by them, while several others used these addresses as accommodation addresses only.

COMPLAINTS OF DISCOURTESY

We have received and investigated a number of complaints containing allegations of discourtesy shown to members of the public by Mr. Forrest or members of his staff. It is only fair to say, however, that we also received a number of tributes to the invariable courtesy, patience and helpfulness extended to the writers on their visits to the Immigration Office.

The three exceptions were the "tactless treatment" by Mr. Forrest of the Bank of China and of Mr. Ma Tsui Chiu, J.P., and "most serious allegation," made by Major G. M. Manners and Mr. W. J. Kewick regarding Mr. Forrest's behaviour on board the s.s. President Monroe.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Kewick could not appear and be questioned by Mr. Forrest. We have, however, no hesitation in accepting the evidence given that Mr. Forrest, when officially visiting a ship flying the American flag, showed bad temper and irritability, and on deck used language and gestures for which there can be no excuse. We are inclined to the opinion that Mr. Forrest at that time was so overworked and was so suffering from insomnia as to have lost that measure of self-control which is so essential in dealing with the public, and perhaps particularly so when dealing on a foreign ship with those of other races and nationalities. Mr. Forrest's conduct on this occasion may be palliated by the considerations we have just mentioned, but it cannot be excused. It was a most regrettable happening.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Under the heading of the general administration of the department we took the opportunity, during Mr. Forrest's illness, to visit the main office at Marine House, the passport and deposit refund office and the depot at West Point. Even at that time when the flood of applicants was obviously coming, there was a steady stream of visitors and we were able to examine and test the system from the first application for a permit form to the issue of the completed permit. The system, in spite of the extremely unfavourable surroundings in which it had to be carried out, struck us as essentially a good one, adequately safeguarding Government property and public moneys and issuing permits to the public without avoidable delay.

In the early days no doubt the system did not work so smoothly as later when the staff had more experience and the pressure of work was less, but the system as in operation when we visited the office appeared to be adequate, and we see no reason why the department should not have operated normally if only a proper accounting system had been instituted; and perhaps, someone little less temperamental than Mr. Forrest had been in charge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission recommended that the deposit system be abandoned or drastically restricted as soon as it can conveniently be done.

Mr. Forrest has been found by us to have been at fault in two major matters; and one minor matter, that of discourtesy and lack of tact. We refer to that as a minor matter only because we are satisfied that Mr. Forrest is normally a most courteous and polite man, that in very many of his dealings with the public as Immigration Officer he displayed his usual politeness, patience and consideration and that it was only occasionally, and then, in part at least, because of ill-health and over-work, that he lost his temper and transgressed as we have found in an earlier paragraph.

FAILURE TO INSTITUTE PROPER FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Of the Chinese staff generally little that is adverse can be said. A man who was dismissed from Government service for demanding money with menaces, and was then used as King's Evidence in a recent sensational trial, is said to be employed in the Department under an assumed name, but there is no suggestion that Mr. Forrest

AMUSING INCIDENT

An amusing incident took place at Government House on Wednesday, when an elderly Chinese man was found in the dining room by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

When questioned through an interpreter the man replied that he had been ruined by the Japanese who took everything he had away, and wished to make a petition to the Governor.

He was found to be mentally unbalanced.

FOREIGN MAIRS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941.

Airmail Service by British Overseas Airways Corporation to East & South Africa, United Kingdom and beyond is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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INWARD AIR MAIRS

From	Date
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 24th June,	1st July.
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For	Date and Time
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SOLDIER HURT IN COLLISION

A collision between a motorcycle and a lorry occurred at 9.45 a.m. yesterday, as a result of which L/Cpl. Hill, of "B" Company, Mid-diesex Regiment, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering slight injuries to his back.

During the heavy rain yesterday, L/Cpl. Hill was riding motorcycle No. 701 along Siu Lung Rd. near Kai Yan Road, when suddenly he collided with a motor lorry, No. 1852, driven by Cheung Fat.

Slight damage was caused to both vehicles.

JUNK ROBBERY ALLEGED

Charged with having robbed a junk and its passengers and crew in the waters of the Colony, LO KAU, who described himself as an ex-soldier of the Chinese 19th Route Army, and TE WAN, stated to be a salt fish merchant, pleaded Not Guilty before Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Both accused were defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, while Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution.

The jury comprised of Messrs A. S. McKay (Foreman), Chiu Kwan-chee, F. P. Pereira, F. E. Castro, Wong Tak-wing, D. V. Tomashovsky and F. V. Wong.

The accused were alleged to be members of a gang that pirated a boat on May 17 near Peng Chau Island.

Both accused denied having taken part in the robbery.

Hearing was adjourned to this morning at 9.30.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on June 18:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, six cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, 1 case; Tuberculosis, 35 cases.

SMALL 'SLIDE

A small landslide occurred yesterday about 9.10 a.m. at the slope between the Royal Observatory and St. Andrew's Church.

DOMESTIC TROUBLE

Wong Kwei, 69, married woman, was alleged to have attempted to commit suicide yesterday at 11 a.m.

It was learned that she had domestic trouble and decided to jump into the harbour off the Yammati Ferry wharf, at Kowloon City.

The efforts of Mak Fong, 21, stoker on the ferry Man Fat, and Wong Sun, 20, seaman of the same ferry, saved her from drowning.

She was sent to Kowloon Hospital.

D. O. SOUTH

Lau Fat was remanded for seven days, in gaol custody, when he appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday on a charge of possession of 9,000 heroin pills, at Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau, on Wednesday.

Sub-Asst. Commissioner McMahon is in charge of the case.

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